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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TAKAO HARADA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: ZHU, WEIPING
SERIAL NO: 10/552,465 :
FILED: OCTOBER 7, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1793
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING :
IMPROVED COAL FOR USE IN
METALLURGY, AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING REDUCED METAL AND
SLAG CONTAINING OXIDIZED
NONFERROUS METAL

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed January 25, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-13 drawn to a method for producing upgraded coal.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Groups II and III, Claims 14-18 and 19-21, if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.